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Socially, Allen Dulles is something of a loner. He gets the impression that he would like to be remembered by history, but probably will not be.

As head man of the work of American spies, the Central Intelligence Agency, he appears to be rather a closeted danger. Harold Stassen, well meaning but ineffectual, shoots a lot of blanks sometimes.

The Central Intelligence Agency is twice as big as our entire State Department. It spends tremendous sums of your tax dollars with little or no supervision. There is little accurate information available even to the members of Congress who must vote gigantic appropriations for this purpose.

Harry Howe Ransom's recent book, "Central Intelligence and National Security," presents a frightening picture of this self-policing organization.

"Perceptive students of public affairs visiting or working overseas often get the impression that CIA agents, and the intelligence operatives of other government agencies, are operating in uncoordinated fashion in every dark alley, behind every bush and apparently often in each other's hair."

There is the further ominous likelihood that some of the Reds and other bad boys who had infiltrated the predecessor organization (the wartime OSS) are still in there.

If you want to know on which side your money is being spent in the Cuban

crisis, the example here is Allen Dulles. He is a man who has been in the CIA since its inception. He is a man who has been in the CIA since its inception. He is a man who has been in the CIA since its inception.

Certainly this is not intended to impugn the integrity of Allen Dulles. I believe Dulles is entirely loyal and thoroughly honest. But the testimony of foreign service officers, retired, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, leaves the distinct impression that most of the organization's activities seem to have been blundering affairs and most, if not all, of them seem to have resulted in the disadvantage of the United States. I don't know what to do about it, because I can't document a case against the CIA when the evidence is all in sealed files. If, however, we are to accept the recommendations of this parade of retired foreign service officers, the CIA will have its wings clipped and its budget slashed immediately.

If the subversive activities of CIA in foreign countries are to be continued at all, they must be carried out only rarely, more secretly and subject to greater control than at present.

Since nobody wants a row that would expose our hand in vital areas of intelligence, perhaps the only answer is for Congress to designate and authorize a committee of such proved Americans as Douglas MacArthur, Mark Clark and Al Wedemeyer to spy on the spies.